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**FOR:** CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK  
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING  
METHOD OF THE UNIT

Enclosed are:

- 26 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.

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- Applicant requests non-publication.
  - An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
  - An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
  - An Executed Declaration

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